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SENATE . . . . . No. 1965

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Barrett

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relating to public access to historical records.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Michael J. Barrett	*Third Middlesex*	
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*	*2/3/2023*
Thomas M. Stanley	*9th Middlesex*	*2/6/2023*
Anne M. Gobi	*Worcester and Hampshire*	*2/7/2023*
Joanne M. Comerford	*Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester*	*2/8/2023*
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*	*2/12/2023*
Jacob R. Oliveira	*Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester*	*8/3/2023*

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By Mr. Barrett, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1965) of Michael J. Barrett, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Thomas M. Stanley, Anne M. Gobi and other members of the General Court for legislation to facilitate access to public records. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *2009* OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

An Act relating to public access to historical records.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 7 of Chapter 66 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- All records in the custody of the state secretary shall be open to public inspection and available for copying after the expiration of 75 years from the creation of the record.